

THE WALDO PHOENIX



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Quilt Show Report by Vera Mauldin

n Saturday, June 11, 2011,

the Waldo Historical Society had their 2nd Quilt show. It was a success. We doubled the amount of



donations from last year.

All quilt show entries were beautiful. If you did not come by to view the quilts, you missed out. We had people coming from Daytona Beach, Williston, Keystone Heights, Gainesville, Waldo, Melrose, Starke, Citra, Ft. McCoy, Interlachen, High Springs, Earleton, Alachua, Hampton and as far away as Joliet, Tennessee.

Linda Lawson was the judge for the quilt show. Thank you Linda for doing a fantastic job.

There were 3 categories for quilt entries. The winners for first place were Beverly Oglesby, Ida Bivins, and Richard Levin. Second place winners were Laura Bezares, and Florence Jones. The third place winner was Mrs. Figg. They each received a ribbon for the categories they entered.

This year we added a new item. Lucy Roe Cook, Penny Dodd, and Vera Mauldin put together a Quilt Basket to raffle. The winner of the basket was Richard Levin.

Thanks to Charles Griffith, Christine Mays, Mary Ann Rich, Lucy Roe Cook, Penny Dodd, Buddy and Marylyn Thompson, Joyce Tillman, Carl and Sara Bedford, Millie Keirnan, Vera Mauldin and Ida Bivins and her girls, Arley Bryant, Mauri Bryant and Emily Green, for helping to make our quilt show a success.

A Little Bird Told Me by Lucy Roe Cook

ow do we take the loss of a loved one? Be it the loss of grandparents, parents, lovers or spouse, it is heartbreaking. But



the loss of a child - a young person - God will have to step in and comfort those in the family.

We, the family of Waldo, have a family who is experiencing this tragedy. Mr. and Mrs. Randy hall have lost their daughter who is but 14 years of age. May God comfort them.

Sheri Schwabe has done it again! Last year she entered the Bake-Off for Hardee's and won National. This year, she brought in first place at Regional. There was no National this



year. We love her biscuits. Thank you, Hardee's. Remember to leave biscuit crumbs for your feathered friends.

Canasta is continuing at Mary Ann Rich's Uncle's home. Mary Ann is a wonderful hostess. Attending: Mary Ann Rich, Marie Ankney, Vera Mauldin, Christina May, Lucy Roe and Penny Dodd.

Have you been to the Community Center lately? I flew on

down to bathe in the bird bath to find it has been painted GREEN! Flowers are everywhere and the Center is painted beige with dark green trim. There is a gazebo, picnic tables and benches, volley ball and basketball courts. There is a wonderful playground for the children. I hear there is quilting on Saturdays at 10 am, Canasta, most days, and Dominoes on Wednesdays. There is Bingo on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Go on down and enjoy the fun.

The summer program for the children of Waldo, 6-12 was kicked off with success. Still needed is adult supervision to help Lisa Hill, and more supplies.

Let us open our hearts and give help in any way that we can.

When flying over the Community Center I can see the children are active and happy. Thank you, Lisa, and those who help her, for giving the children a safe place to spend their summer. My feathers are a-flutter.

Bobby and Lucy Cook attended a book signing in Hawthorne last Saturday. It was held for the newly formed Hawthorne Area Historical Society.

Smoke: I find myself whistling the song "Smoke gets in your eyes." Flying around up here, the smoke is really bad. Smokers, save your money. Just step outside and inhale.

Quilt Show: I saw many beautiful quilts while flying over the Center on Saturday, June 11. I know they take lots of work, but all I have to do to keep warm is fluff up my feathers.

Wings in Thangs: We have lost another potentially wonderful restaurant in Waldo. We wish them well in their next endeavors.



WHS News Coming To Waldo by Lucy Roe

~~Museum~~

museum is coming to Waldo. This is very exciting!

The City has allowed us the use of a building to use for a museum. The building is located in the median across from Waldo City Park and next to City Hall. It is the old Sparkman store. It is brick and in need of repair.

For years, this has been our dream. A place to store and display all of the historic artifacts, documents and photos of Waldo. We have groveled, pleaded and begged for a location.

This will be your museum!

We, the WHS, are going to hold a meeting in there soon and invite all of you to share your thoughts with us. We are going to make plans for repairs. We will let you know when.

We will need scrubbers, painters, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, masons and thinkers, etc.

After we have the repairs done, we will need decorators and maybe you can make dioramas. Perhaps you are an artist? We could use pictures of our old buildings before we lose them to be hung in the museum.

We have showcases that need repair, and would like someone who knows how to build showcases to help us.

We need typists, people to file, labelers, picture framers. Artifacts have been donated and are in need of labeling and documenting. Perhaps some cleaning.

So much is needed in donations of (oh, yes), money and labor.

Our City, school and community need this museum. We will want to invite other cities and schools to

educate, entertain and share our history.

We will have a gift shop for locals and tourists. Hard work and fun will be shared among us. Come on aboard!

Contact Lucy Roe Cook (352-468-3453) for further information and to volunteer your talents.

~~Caboose~~

Also coming is a railroad display at the caboose. Your talents are needed here, too. If you love the railroad, and want to help, let us hear from you. (Donations welcome)!

~~Spaghetti Dinner~~

Our Fifth Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Waldo Baptist Church is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2011, from 4 - 7 pm.

Your \$6.00 donation includes a full plate of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, Texas toast, dessert and a drink. Eat in or take out.

A knowledgeable fund-raising expert suggested we try something new this year. We agreed, so here it is:

If you get your tickets early, no later than July 31, the price will be only \$5.00 per ticket. Take advantage of this offer. Tickets are available now by calling Penny Dodd (352-468-1910), Millie Keirnan (352-468-1378), or any Waldo Historical Society member.

~~Halloween Tour~~

This year, our Halloween Tour will include a visit to a Haunted House in Waldo.

Witch Mariah will be there with her cauldron, and there will be many other surprises. This is going to be really really, scary! If you love Halloween, you will love this tour. Keep your eyes on this column for more information.

August Speaker Meeting

August 25 - 7 pm Waldo Community Center The Pottery Man will be speaking to us about the history of Pottery. He is a local Waldo man, very knowledgeable. His pottery is excellent. This is a "not to miss" meeting.

How can a Land Abstract teach us about history?? Submitted by Millie Keirnan

store but take time to read it. It is amazing.

Fred Johnson (Waldo) and Robert (Bobby) Shank (Earleton) let us scan theirs and the history of when and who owned, sold and land usage amazed us. As it would many. Thank you both.

Please take time to see if you have an abstract of property around this area so that we can piece together more and more correct history for the Waldo Historical Society and we can share with our citizens of today and the upcoming generations so history will not be lost, nor misinformed.

If you wish to share your abstract with us please call Penny Dodd (468-1910), Millie Keirnan (468-1378), or a Waldo Historical member. Penny Dodd will scan and return your abstract intact. A.S.A.P.

Thanks to all who wish to share their property's history with the historical society.

"A rich man is nothing but a poor mar with money."

-- W.C. Fields

Waldo Celebrities

aldo has been home to a few celebrities in the past. Recently, Judy and Fred Donaldson, in their continuing quest to learn more of the Laurel Grove cemetery inhabitants, recently discovered a couple of silent screen film stars.



Taken in 1899, Lawrence B. McGill and his second wife Gertrude Shipman. Lawrence was an actor and Gertrude was an actress

Gertrude Shipman and Lawrence McGill were married and lived in Waldo in the 1920s. They had a daughter, Vida.

Lawrence Barrett McGill was born 22 February, 1866 in Courtland, Panola County, Mississippi. He was the son of Archibald D. McGill and Iona A. Trantham

Archibald McGill and Iona are buried in the Antioch Cemetery in Courtland, Panola, Mississippi.

Lawrence first married Elizabeth Amann, No further information has been located on what happened to Elizabeth Amann as of this writing. Lawrence and Elizabeth Amann McGill had one daughter, Vida Iona McGill born 19 March, 1894 in Chicago, Vida was raised by her grandparents, the McGill's and Shipman's.

Lawrence married second, Gertrude Alice Shipman, 18 November 1899 in Mason County, Kentucky.

Lawrence and Gertrude McGill, were the proud parents of one child, a son, Edmund Robert McGill. He was born 18 August 1904 in Connecticut and died November 1980 in West Henrietta, Monroe, New York. We do not know where he is buried at this time.

A former newspaperman, Robert (Jerry) McGill was one of the developers of the long running network radio newspaper drama "Big Town" (1937-1952). He wrote many of the scripts for the program and also served as director and producer for many of the episodes. McGill also wrote scripts for "The Shadow" and "Famous Jury Trials" during the 1940s.

Lawrence was an actor, writer and director of many Silent Movies from 1909-1918.

"Arizona" in 1913 was the first feature length western, six-reel of Lawrence McGill.

"Hiawatha," the first film, in 1913 of Lawrence Barrett McGill to feature an All-Native American cast, was made by the Colonial Motion Picture Corporation and based on Longfellow's poem. The list is long of the silent movies Lawrence wrote, acted in or directed.

Lawrence's second wife, Gertrude Alice Shipman McGill, was an actress in the Silent Movies in 1912-1914. A few of her movies were "The Price He Paid", "Checkers", "Arizona" and "Camille".

Lawrence and Gertrude were found on the 1920 Census in Waldo, Alachua County, Florida.

Lawrence died 22 February, 1928 in Alachua County, Florida. His wife, Gertrude, died 14 February 1960 in



Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida. They both are buried in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Waldo, Alachua, Florida.

Lawrence has a tombstone, but Gertrude does not as of 22 April, 2011.

Vida Iona McGill was born 19 March, 1894 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

Vida, age 5, was living with her grandparents, Archibald D. and Iona McGill on the 1900 Courtland, Panola County, Mississippi Census.

Vida, age 16, was listed on the 1910 Frankstown, Blair County, Pennsylvania Census in the household of Lawrence's second wife, Gertrude Alice Shipman's parents, Robert W. Shipman and Elizabeth J. Shipman.



Vida was married to Frederick Engele Keller, Sr. He was a Lutheran minister. Do not, as of 19 April, 2011, know the date or place of their marriage.

Vida, age 25, was shown as a widow in the household of her father, Lawrence B. McGill and his second wife, Gertrude Alice Shipman McGill, on the 1920 Waldo, Alachua County, Florida Census.

Also listed in the household, is a son of Vida Ione McGill Keller, Frederick E. Keller, Jr. age 6/12 years old, born in Florida.

Frederick E. Keller, age 12, was born February 1888 in Pennsylvania, as were his parents per the 1900 Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Census. Frederick was in the household of a Frederick Engel and listed as his nephew.

Frederick's World War I Draft Registration card shows his name as Frederick Engle Keller, born 2 February 1888 in Pennsylvania. His address was 142 S. Quinn, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

His occupation was shown as a student at the Eastern Theological College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was single, medium build and height, grey eyes and black hair. The document is signed 5 June 1917.

Frederick Engele Keller, Sr. died in 1918. He is buried in the Lancaster Cemetery at 205 E. Lemon Street, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. As of 11 June 2011 there are two memorials on Find A Grave for Frederick.

Memorial #39077022 shows his last name as ENGLE, REV. FRED K, born 1888, age 30 buried in lot #2329.

The second memorial #35012773 shows Rev. Fred Engle Keller, this one is correct.

Vida Iona McGill Keller second married a widower, Aaron Dell Tison, on 25 January 1921 in Alachua County, Florida. He was born 26 June, 1870 in Providence, Bradford County, Florida and died 8 November, 1952 in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

The Children of Vida and Aaron Tison:
1. Lawrence McGill Tison born 10
January, 1922 in Earleton, Alachua
County, Florida.

2. Doris Tison, born 20 October, 1923 in Earleton, Alachua County, Florida, died 26 September, 2003 in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida.

An interesting story is told by an unknown descendant. About 1930 a gentlemen knocked on their door



looking for Vida. The story goes, her mother gave her at that time a big sum of money. She doesn't know if Elizabeth Amann had died or just why she received the money.

Vida and Aaron, at that time, had no running water or indoor plumbing. Then after she got the money, they were able to get running water and indoor plumbing. She said that they also bought a new Chrysler.

Vida's son by her first husband, Frederick Engele Keller, Sr. was Frederick Engele Keller, Jr. born 26 July 1919, in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida and died 18 December, 1932, at age thirteen (13) in Alachua County, Florida.

The cause of his death was bronchitis pneumonia.

Vida Iona Tison, died 28 May, 1977 in Alachua General Hospital in Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida. She is buried in the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Waldo, Alachua County, Florida

Aaron Dell Tison and Frederick Engele Keller, Jr. are also buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery.

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Acts of Kindness by Thelma Bay

big THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers here in Waldo. From the

churches to the camp, to the school and the community center. We couldn't do it without your help.



Marie's Kitchen Homemade Fudgesicles

2 cups milk
1 - 4 oz. Instant
C h o c o l a t e
pudding
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup canned
milk



Stir milk

into pudding. Add sugar and canned milk. Pour into popsicle containers and freeze.

ENJOY!

Anyone who has a heart full of friendship has a hard time finding enemies.

Waldo's Kids by Thelma Bay



s I start this column, it is 94 degrees on our back porch and summer hasn't officially arrived yet. Can't wait for August. Don't know about the rest of you, but we have no lawn, just dirt. But that's O.K., because it's way too hot to mow.

On the bright side, it's my honor to announce the winning students of the \$25.00 Walmart gift cards. Congratulations to Amber Batie, Rachel Driver, Julye Mitchum, Emily Flint, Geneva Crowder, Jazmyn Wright, Dylan Howard, Carissa Taylor and Luke Denman. These students work very hard and are respectful and honest.

The second annual Waldo Kids Summer Camp is up and running at the Community Center. We have had an average daily attendance of 25 kids of all ages. The City of Waldo bought a wonderful water slide for the camp and that has been a great blessing.

Upcoming events include Bible School at First Baptist Waldo Church and the annual school supply give-away. Bible School starts with a Roundup in the park on July 17th at 5:00 pm. Classes and all the fun begins at the church on July 24th at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendars also for the supply give-away on Saturday, August 6th. Bible School is for everyone near and far and the school supplies are for our Waldo students only. We are limited in what we can do and must take care of our local kids first.

School supplies go on sale in July and if you would like to donate a few, we would be grateful. Pencils, crayons, glue, wide rule notebook paper, folders, erasers or anything on that order. They can be dropped off at City Hall or Waldo First Baptist Church.

Try to stay cool, pray for rain and I'll see you next month.

News around the City of Waldo..... Submitted by Kim Worley



lachua County Public Schools, Food and Nutrition Services, is offering free delicious & nutritious meals for Breakfast and Lunch for ANY child from 0-18 years at the Waldo Community School lunch room. Breakfast (7:30-8:00) Lunch (11:00-11:45).

Lisa Hill and all of her helpers are doing a great job at the Waldo Community Center Camp. The kids are having a very good time.

Mary Jackson's camp at the Waldo Methodist Church is also up and running.

We have a new face at the Waldo Community Center, Ms. Monica Kish, the meal site manager. Attention all Seniors there are spots available for the meal program and there are other things going on. Please call (352-468-2336) or stop by the Waldo Community

Center (13550 Ne 148th Ave.) and see what is happening.

Police Chief Mike Szabo is asking that if you see or hear any suspicious activity, please call 955-1818 to have a Waldo Officer dispatched, so they can check out the situation.

Summer is officially here...hopefully that doesn't mean even higher heat index for us poor Floridians. Be smart with the heat. Try to stay cool and drink plenty of water. Yard work, running etc. at 12:00 noon is probably not a good idea. Remember to be kind and courteous to each other...sometimes the high temperatures can bring out hot tempers.

Reminder: water use can be costly if you are gardening or watering your lawns. Conservation of water use helps keep your utility bills down.

Remember the kids are out of school for the summer. Please watch for them when driving.

Remember this is summer. Don't leave your car windows up with pets, children or others in the car.

<u>Words of Wisdom</u> - NOT! Submitted by Thelma Bay

he word this month is one that we hear constantly on TV and I just had to look it up. ERGONOMIC (pronounced ER - GO - NAW - MICK) as in this bed or chair is based on an ergonomic design.

Come on. Just be plain-spoken and say "The bed or chair is designed to improve efficiency and safety."

We can't afford either one anyway, so don't make us feel dumb!

Waldo Library News

The Library proudly presents Science Mike is coming on July 12 at 3 pm - all ages.

Dear Gabby



Dear Gabby,

I am six years old and Mama say's I have to dress up and dance

around a stage for strange people. I am scared and do not want to do it. Why do people want to look at kids all dressed up and wild hair dancing around a stage? I just want to be a kid and play with my dolls. Please tell my Mama I just want to be a normal kid. Wub Dear Wub.

Your Mommy means well but she thinks you are a cute kid and wants everybody to see how cute you are. It is only for a weekend every now and then, so maybe you can humor her and she will get tired of it all. It may be fun for you and in the end you may like it. Give it a shot, but if you do not like it, tell your Mommy you do not want to do it anymore. Let me know how it turns out for you.

Dear Gabby,

My mother in law is nosy, bossy and a pain in the ass. She complains to my husband about me. She never liked me and I can not do anything right in her mind. My husband does stand up for me and even told her we are a package deal, take it or leave it. It still hurts and I am tired of her meddling. Help!!!!!

Dear Help,

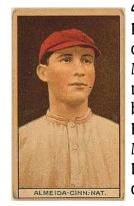
I know it is hard but try killing her with love. Be your sweet self and know your husband is behind you. It is not easy but remember, it is hard on your husband as well.

He loves you both and she does not know how much damage she is causing to her relationship with him. You know you are a good person and always remember that. Good luck Best Wishes From
The Waldo Historical Society
To
Jason Austin Whitten
and
Jennifer Marie Pisano
on your
Upcoming Wedding
July 2, 2011

100 Years Ago July, 1911



2. The comic strip Krazy Kat, by African-American cartoonist George Herriman, was spun off from *The Dingbat Family*, which it replaced. The strip ran until Herriman's death in 1944.



4 Third baseman Rafael Almeida and outfielder Armando Marsans, both natives of Cuba, became the first Hispanic players in Major League Baseball history, debuting in

Chicago for the Cincinnati Reds against the Cubs. Although the two were dark-skinned and had played for a Negro team, they avoided the ban against African-American



players by producing proof that they
"were of Castilian rather than Negro

heritage



4. The hottest day of the 1911 United States Heat wave set records that stood a century later, in Vermont (105° at Vernon) and New Hampshire (106° at Nashua), as well as 104° in Boston, and 113° in Junction City, Kansas. In Chicago, 64 died in one day,[12] and 51 the day before.



8. The city of Burbank, California, with 500 residents, was incorporated. One century later, its population was over 100,000.

Information Please!

Waldo Phone Numbers You Might Need City Hall 468-1001 (After Hours Water Emergency) 258-3110 Fire Emergencies Call 911 **Police Department** 468-1515 (Police Emergencies) 955-1818 Waldo Library 468-3298 **Waldo Community Center** 468-2336 **Waldo Post Office** 468-1970 Waldo Community School 468-1451

July Birthdays

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1 Jenny Kimber	20 Eldred Bivins		
3 Bianca Gutierrez	21 Melba Hill		
5 Chris Ankney	24 Roland Wise		
5 Oscar White	24 Betty Brooker		
7 Virginia McLendon	25 Kelli Juszak		
10 Carlton Davis	27 Henrietta Armitage		
13 Andrew Mitchell	25 Steve Ankney		
15 Roosevelt Green	29 Alisa Andrijanoff		
16 Leon Brookins	29 John Kimber		
19 Nicholas Scott			

Don't Forget!



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The Clothes Closet at Waldo First Baptist Church

Open Wednesday and Saturday From 9 am till 12 noon Call 468-1721 for information

Don't Forget Commodities Thursday, July 28 1 pm - 2 pm Waldo Community Center

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church Services



Rev. James W. Ramsey - Pastor

2nd and 4th Sundays 11:00 am

Mid-week service every Wednesday 6:00 pm
taught by Minister Bernard Carter

Awesome Sunday School every Sunday 9:45 am
taught by Bro. Bobby Hill or Minister Bernard
Carter for adults
and Sis. Josie "Jackson"
& Sis. Monique Taylor for the children.
Men's Day service will be held
on the 4th Sunday in July at 11:00 am
Always remember that
Man is Mighty but God is Almighty

First Baptist Church, Waldo



352-468-1721 Sunday Schedule 9:15 - 9:45 Refreshments

9:45 Bible Study (all

ages)

11:00 am & 6 pm Worship

11:00 am & 6 pm Children's Worship

6 pm Youth Praise and Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Children's, Youth, Adult

Programs

Next Waldo Historical Society ~~~~Business Meeting~~~~

Thursday - July 28 - 7 pm Waldo Community Center Refreshments as always

If you're sitting at home looking for something different to do, come join us at our Quarterly meeting. We have many projects in the works. Help us with the Quilt Show, the Caboose Project, our Annual Calendar, or write something for our Newspaper Fundraiser. We need your input and your help. What can you do? What do you like to do? Do it with us.

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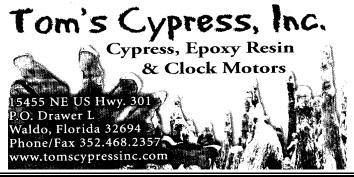


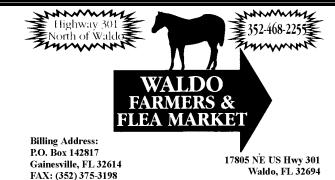
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